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IRREGULARITIES IN ARMY RECRUITMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several allegations regarding bribes/irregularities in recruitment against Army Recruitment Officers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government of India have received any specific complaint against the officials;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government have issued any specific guidelines for the recruitment;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether there are number of genuine candidates those are not getting chance for the recruitment; and

(h) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A few complaints have been received regarding irregularities in Army recruitments by Zonal Recruiting Offices/Branch Recruiting Offices, cutting across State-borders. A large percentage of these complaints are anonymous/pseudonymous. Nevertheless, all complaints are investigated and due action is taken against persons found guilty. In a few cases specific complaints against the officials have also been received which have been duly investigated and punishment commensurate with the offence awarded.

The details of complaints received and punishment awarded are:-

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (upto September 2002)
Total cases reported	92	82	102	100	70
Cases where punishment awarded	06	04	05	02	03
Individuals awarded punishment	08	04	05	02	07

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) As per the guidelines issued for recruitment, all recruitment for the Army is done through the open rally system. These rallies are conducted by members pooled from different Branch Recruiting Offices to ensure impartiality. The recruitment process consists of written examination and physical and medical tests. The entire process takes place in full view of the public. The system has been made open, transparent, fair and candidate friendly.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.